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1. FOLLOWING PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 22 SPC:

2. CONCERNING UK, FRG, AND BELGIAN SUGGESTIONS FOR PARA 5 OF GUIDANCE (SUBPARAS 10A, B, AND C OF REFTEL A), YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WE CAN UNDERSTAND BELGIAN AND OTHER ALLIED DESIRES TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO EAST FROM OUTSET THAT LIMITS ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

B. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT TO INTRODUCE THIS ISSUE SO EARLY IN THE OPTION III DISCUSSION WOULD SERIOUSLY DETRACT FROM OPTION III'S NEGOTIATING VALUE. SUCH A MOVE WOULD PREMATURELY RAISE LIMITATIONS ISSUES AND RESULT IN ALLIES RATHER THAN EAST BRINGING UP THE ISSUE OF ALLIED LIMITATIONS. IT WOULD TAKE ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE ESSENCE OF THE OPTION III REDUCTION PROPOSAL, FOCUS EASTERN ATTENTION ON LIMITATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON THE ALLIES, AND PLACE ALLIES IN MIDST OF A CEILINGS DISCUSSION AT THE OUTSET, WHICH IS SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO AVOID. FURTHER, THE ALLIES, BY RAISING THE ISSUE IN THE FIRST PLACE, WOULD LOSE THE TACTICAL ADVANTAGE OF KEEPING THE EAST IN THE POSITION OF DEMANDEUR FOR LIMITS ON ALLIED ARMAMENTS. THE PRESENT PARA 5 LANGUAGE ("DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS") DOES NOT, IN OUR VIEW, PREJUDICE IN ANY WAY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ALLIED POSITION ON LIMITATIONS, NOR DOES IT IMPLY A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIES.

C. REGARDING PROPOSED BELGIAN LANGUAGE IN PARA 7, REFTEL A, ARGUMENTS IN PARA B ABOVE APPLY. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE OUR PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS CONCERNING THE LINKAGE OF MANPOWER LIMITATIONS TO EQUIPMENT (REFTEL C) APPLY IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEW BELGIAN LANGUAGE AS WELL.

D. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT US VERSION OF PARA 5 IS FULLY ADEQUATE.

3. SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING THE BELGIAN REVISED PARA 5,
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AS SUBMITTED TO THE IS (PARA 10D, REFTEL A), WE AGREE WITH MISSION ASSESSMENT.

4. REGARDING SENTENCE IN PARA 9 OF DRAFT GUIDANCE CONCERNING RESTORATION OF US TANK STOCKS, WE AGREE WITH UK (PARA 14, REFTEL B) THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO EXPRESS THIS POINT EXPLICITLY IN AN AGREEMENT. WE CAN THEREFORE ACCEPT DELETION OF THIS SENTENCE FROM GUIDANCE, THOUGH WE BELIEVE

THE POINT SHOULD REMAIN IN PARA 14 OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENT. KISSINGER

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